

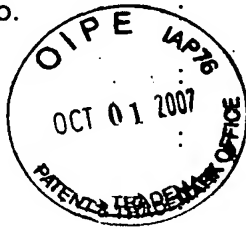
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Inventor Uenishi et al.
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Vehicle Seat Assessment Method,
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Column 3, Line 66, "controller the" should read -- controller of the --
(See the Preliminary Amendment, page 2, Fig. 3.)

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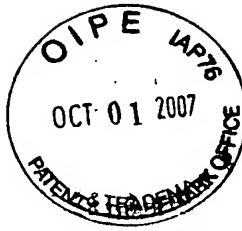
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Title : **VEHICLE-OCCUPANT FATIGUE-LEVEL**
: **ASSESSMENT METHOD, VEHICLE SEAT**
: **ASSESSMENT METHOD, AND VEHICLE**
: **SEAT ASSESSMENT DEVICE**

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Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please DELETE line 1 on page 1, stating "SPECIFICATION".

Please insert the following section heading at page 1, after the title and at line 6:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Please replace the section heading on page 1, at line 7, with the following replacement section heading:

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Please replace the paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 25, and continuing over on page 7 to line 15, with the following replacement paragraphs:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a vehicle seat evaluating apparatus;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing a state where load sensors and a deflection sensor of the vehicle seat evaluating apparatus are attached to a seat;

Fig. 3 is a block diagram showing a controller ~~and so on~~ of the vehicle seat evaluating apparatus;

Fig. 4 is perspective views showing states of the vehicle seat evaluating apparatus detecting loads applied rearward to an upper range, an intermediate range and a lower range of a backrest of the seat, loads applied downward to a front range, an intermediate range and a rear range of a seating portion, amounts of rearward deflection in an upper position, an intermediate position and a lower position of the backrest, and amounts of downward deflection in a front position, an intermediate position, and a first and a second rear positions of the seating portion;

Fig. 5 is a view showing changes in the vibration frequency of a piezoelectric element in time of detecting a viscoelastic property of the muscles in a subject's waist in a vehicle driver fatigue evaluating method;

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